

# Luxury Townhomes for S.W. Waterfront?



2001—The Gangplank parking lot and marina as seen from ground level at Tiber Island today.



2003?—The same view from Tiber Island if townhouses like the new Capitol Square at 7th and G St. S.W. were built on Gangplank's parking lot, but only 3 stories high.

## Navy To Lead June 2 Parade



Here is an example of a Navy Color Guard.

One of the marching units in the Southwest Parade Saturday, June 2, will be from the Navy Yard. A color guard—and maybe an

instrumental group, too—will join the school and church groups and assorted floats and marchers. ■

## Tall Ship, Dragon Boat, Drummer In Boat Parade

The Cherry Blossom Festival has added new items to the Parade of Lighted Boats in Southwest at 8 pm Saturday, Apr. 7.

The official tall ship of the State of Wisconsin, the Denis Sullivan, will arrive that day and be in the parade. A 39 foot Chinese dragon boat and drummers will join the dozens of boats of all sizes ablaze with twinkling lights.

The event is free and open to the public.

Best viewing is from the restaurants along the waterfront, East Potomac Park, or the channel walkway from the Titanic Memorial to the Fish Wharf.

The Thursday, April 5, Cherry Blossom Chamber Music Concert at 7:30pm at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and Maine Ave S.W. can handle a good crowd, but the Cherry Blossom Odyssey Luncheon Cruises on March 29 and 30 are sold out. ■

# Million Dollar Price Tag—Each

Boat owners in the Washington Channel want to buy the lease of the Gangplank Marina and use the parking lot for three levels of underground parking for 500 cars under 40 three-story townhouses 42 feet high. The architectural style would be "SW at the turn of the 19th century."

This proposal was described to a board meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. by Ray Solem, and to Southwest's Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D. Mr. Solem said the town homes would overlook the water and sell for \$1,000,000 each. He thought this would raise real estate values in the area—not good news for renters, he admitted.

The boat owners have formed "Port of Washington Marina Investors" and would also redevelop James Creek Marina next to U.S. Coast Guard headquarters at 2nd and V St. S.W. Their plan includes reopening Gangplank Restaurant, providing a floating theater for Arena Stage, and building a "small commercial village" with coffee shop and theater pub.

A second proposal would redevelop the fish market similar to developments in San Francisco, Monterey and San Diego, CA. and linking the Jefferson Memorial to SW and around Ft. McNair with a bike path. ■

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## Election Reform Town Meeting

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton—with her mind much on Florida - will hold a town meeting on election reform in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Bldg., So. Capitol and Independence Ave. S.W. on Tues. Apr. 10 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm.

Speakers are Donna Brazile, former administrative assistant to the Congresswoman, and representatives of the Federal Election Commission and the D.C. Board of Elections.

Check [www.house/norton.gov](http://www.house/norton.gov). ■

## Election For SWNA Board Is Sat. March 24.

Southwest residents age 18 and above can vote for officers and board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. (SWNA) at Waterside Mall from 10am to 3 pm Sat. March 24. Candidates and their bios are on p.6.

The annual meeting and swearing in of officers will be Monday, March 26 at 7:30 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St SW. ■

## N22 Shuttle Bus Thru Navy Yard

Metro-bus has started a new shuttle bus through the Navy Yard, connecting to the Metro-rail stations at Eastern Market and Navy Yard (N.J. Ave. exit only). The shuttle travels on 8th St. between the Navy Yard and Eastern Market Sta.

It operates only on week days from 6 am to 6 pm. Service is every 6 minutes from 6 am to 9 am and from 3 pm to 6 pm. Between 9 am and 3 pm the shuttle runs every 15 minutes.

As with other rail-to-bus transfers, there is a 25 cent charge to board the shuttle with a transfer slip from the Metro-rail.

As you enter the Navy Yard, Navy personnel board the shuttle to check for photo IDs. ■

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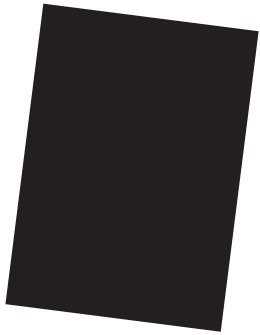
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Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, President of Southeastern University, spoke and the Jefferson Jr. High choir sang at the SWNA's Black History Program. See story on p. 8

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## Community House Gets Face-lift

**By Rev. Ruth Hamilton**

The Southwest Community House has been serving Southwest since 1901. Until recently its building at 156 Q St. S.W. was looking a bit in need of help. That help has come. Having been painted inside and out and with new flooring and furniture, the House has gotten a face-lift and looks like the inviting place it really is.

The new Executive Director David Brewer, born and raised in Southwest, knows the needs and challenges of the neighborhood. He is working with a strong board of directors to strengthen the services provided, while supporting the long-time staff members, Roberta Patrick and Delores Mack.

With employment services, emergency services and programs for seniors and youth, the Community House has been a beacon of hope to the surrounding neighborhood.

Stop by for a visit or check out the web-site at [www.swhouse.org](http://www.swhouse.org). ■

## River Clean-up Day Planned

You can help clean up plastics and monofilament trash on the water and on the shore in mid May or early June and join the Washington Waterfront Citizens Association (WWCA) at a barbecue. They have allied with the Anacostia Watershed Society and applied for a Boat US Clean Water Grant to bring this event off.

Helpers and those interested in joining the association should call Mike Bouchard at 703-415-3143.

The association meets the first Thursday of each month, usually at the Harbor Patrol meeting room near 6th and Water St. S.W..

The association has contacted Mayor Williams to suggest that police in the Harbor Patrol unit that are assigned periodically to regular police work should be assigned locally (SW/SE) where the officers are close to their support center should a river emergency occur. They also have objected to the loss of the 5th Man on the SW Fire Post Ladder Truck. ■

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## Southwest Community Calendar

### March-April

Mar. 24	Saturday	<b>SWNA Public Election</b> 10 am - 3 pm Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.
Mar. 26	Monday	<b>Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting</b> 7:30 pm St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M St. SW.
Mar. 27	Tuesday	<b>MIT students report on SW planning.</b> 6 pm St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M St. SW
Mar. 28	Wednesday	<b>Fil-Am Toastmasters Club,</b> 6:45pm SW Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW
Mar. 29	Thursday	<b>Cherry Blossom Cruise,</b> 10:45 am Odyssey Cruise Ship, 6th & Water St. S.W.
Apr. 2	Monday	<b>SWNA Exec Board Meeting,</b> 7 pm SWNA Office, Waterside Mall, 401 M St. SW
Apr. 3	Tuesday	<b>1st District Citizen's Advisory Council Mtg.,</b> 7 pm DCMPTD, 415 Fourth St. SW Community Room
Apr. 4	Wednesday	<b>SWNA Waterside Mall-Waterfront Task Force,</b> 7pm SWNA Office, Waterside Mall, 401 M St. SW
Apr. 5	Thursday	<b>Cherry Blossom Chamber Music Concert,</b> 7:30 pm St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. S.W.
Apr. 7	Saturday	<b>Waterfront design team meets residents.</b> 9am to 2 pm Bowen Elementary school (Place to be confirmed)
Apr. 7	Saturday	<b>PSA 110 Walkathon,</b> 10am, 240 M St. SW
Apr. 7	Saturday	<b>Komen Toastmasters Club,</b> 10am SW Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW
Apr. 7	Saturday	<b>Parade of Lighted Boats</b> 8 pm Starting at 9th and Water St. SW
Apr. 9	Monday	<b>Advisory Neighborhood Commission</b> 2D Mtg. 7:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th & I St. S.W.
Apr. 11	Wednesday	<b>Fil-Am Toastmasters Club</b> 6:45pm SW Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW
Apr. 12	Thursday	<b>Police PSA/Partnership with Community</b> 7 pm Place to be announced
Apr. 18	Wednesday	<b>AARP Luncheon,</b> 12 noon St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W.
Apr. 21	Saturday	<b>Komen Toastmasters Club</b> 10am SW Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. April 4 to C.W. Hargrave  
554-8284.

## Riverfront-Waterfront Plans Heating Up

Mayor Anthony Williams attended a March 13 presentation at Van Ness Elementary School in S.E. on the Anacostia River and Washington Channel Waterfronts. Other meetings scheduled are:

**Saturday, March 24 at 8:30 am**—an all-forum on environmental issues facing the Anacostia—Savoy Elementary School, 2400 Shannon Place, SE. Reservations: Anacostia Riverkeeper Damon Whitehead, 202-554-1960 or 301-864-0900.

**Tues. Mar. 27, 6 pm** MIT students report on SW. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 222 M St. S.W. Displays, refreshments, program. No reservations needed.

For further information on the MIT study

check-out their web site. It is at <http://web.mit.edu/course/11/11.332/www/>

(That looks funny, but it works)

**Saturday, April 7, 9am to 2 pm**—Working session between design team and Southwest waterfront residents and businesses. Issues include parking, traffic, waterfront access and amenities.

Follow-up workshops and presentations to discuss alternatives and design concepts are planned for May, June and September. For information check website [www.anacostiawaterfront.net](http://www.anacostiawaterfront.net) or call the DC Office of Planning at 442-7600. ■

# Southwest Podiatry Ad



## We Remember...Cathy Wallace IN ACTION!



**Cathy Wallace** at the Arena Stage fundraiser for The Southwester.



**Ms. Wallace** SWNA Board Member.



**Ms. Wallace** at the Riverside bake sale.

At a memorial service for Cathy Wallace in the lobby of Riverside Apts.—her home for two dozen years—an amazing list of her many volunteer efforts was recited.

Over the years The Southwester has recorded a few of them. She was the Business Manager of The Southwester, keeping detailed records of advertising income and monthly expenses and dashing off invoices and reminders.

She co-chaired a very successful fund raiser for the Southwester, selling tickets to an Arena Stage performance and after-the-show cast reception of Thunder Knocking.

Ms. Wallace was active with the Southwest Festival of the Arts—especially the annual auction—and one year chaired the entire festival. Cathy was twice elected by her neighbors to represent them on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

Her interest in helping college age S. W. youth was reflected in her work raising funds as a member of the Southwest Scholarship Committee. ■

### Obituary

CATHERINE A. WALLACE, 58, who began a long affiliation with the Peace Corps in 1964 and later worked with the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, died of cancer Feb. 10 at her home in Southwest Washington.

Ms Wallace was born May 28, 1942, in Los Angeles, CA, and grew up in

Austin, MN, graduating from Pacelli High School. In October, 1959, to celebrate completion of their first one billion cans of a product sold worldwide, Hormel Meatpacking Company of Austin named her SPAM Queen.

She received a mathematics degree from the College of St. Teresa in Winona, MN, in 1964, and immediately volunteered for the Peace Corps. She spent the next two years in Sierra Leon, and then was a trainer and recruiter for the agency in Washington, before going to Waianae, Hawaii, where she taught elementary school.

Returning to Washington in 1968 she worked in Peace Corps training, budget and publications offices until 1979, including a time in Sierra Leone as an administrator. Ms. Wallace spent from 1979 until 1983 in Botswana as a supervisor with the Corps.

For a time she worked with Arena Stage and the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1986 Ms. Wallace became a budget analyst at the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, a position she held at the time of her death.

She was a member of the board of directors and vice president of Riverside Condominium, and was a volunteer for the Washington Unit of the American Cancer Society participating in the Reach for Recovery program and in fundraising, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and the southwest Arts Council.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Wallace of Austin, MN, and a sister, Theresa Wallace of Denver, CO. ■

# Washington Video (new ad in folder)

## 1,000 Hits A Mo. At Video Website

In December, 1999, Washington Video in Waterside Mall started a website—[www.WashingtonVideoForMovies.com](http://www.WashingtonVideoForMovies.com). Movie lovers could create a wish list, see what's coming out, watch a preview.

"Wow, what a success it has been" say the owners. Without being listed by the major search engines the site is now receiving over 1,000 hits per month. Word of mouth is spreading the news.

Washington video also offers a very popular free weekly e-mail service called "Movie Informant" listing new releases and store specials. Several dozen new subscribers sign up each week on-line or in the store.

A dozen benefits of the website could be listed:

Print your own coupons; New release listings; Top rental listings; Coming soon list; Watch movie previews; Box office reports; Movie reviews; "Vid Bid", a search engine that's great for trying to find rare or out of print videos; Order movies for purchase; Check out our inventory; Let the "Movie wizard" recommend movies to watch; "Video Pal", a personal movie diary you completely customize.

"Cool Links" gives the website visitor the benefit of clicking onto The Southwester newspaper or movie studio web sites. ■



Clowns had surprises for the children.



Tall tales were told by Mama Ayo



Fred Foss Youth Jazz Ensemble played.



School Board Member Julie Mikuta talked with Principal Davis and PTA member Ahmad Nurridin.

## Jazz Auction Raises \$4000 For Amidon

By Ahmad Nurridin

Combining great food, family fun, spectacular music and nifty bargains, the Amidon Jazz Auction was a successful first effort. Billed as a family fun and fund-raiser aimed at reviving music in the public schools, specifically Amidon, the Jazz Auction netted more than \$4,000. Additionally there was a \$500 contribution to the sixth grade graduation, a corporate partnership offer and a token of appreciation for dedicated hard work, free videos for all Amidon’s teachers and staff.

The organizers credit the tremendous warmth and cooperation of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and the persistent work of a group of hard working parents for the success that was realized.

In addition to the splendid sounds of the Fred Foss Youth Ensemble, the auction audience heard inspiring words from Ward Six Council member Sharon Ambrose, who recalled her days working in the PTA with her children’s schools. District 1 School Board member Julie Mikuta promised to work hard to assure that all students are given the opportunity to develop all of their talents, including musical and artistic talents, as she commented on pending school system improvements. At-large Council member Phil Mendelson and seven-month old daughter, Addy, were also in attendance enjoying the music, food, Pugga the Clown, storytelling by Mama Ayo, and the face painting.

The silent auction featured numerous bargains for the charity-minded and the serious bargain hunter. Southeastern University donated a computer class. Council Chairwoman Linda Cropp offered lunch, as did several of her council colleagues. The Mayor’s Chief-of-Staff donated dinner for three and DCPS Superintendent Dr. Paul Vance offered up brunch. For those interested in tantalizing meals with less political discussion, several fine restaurants and dinner cruises were available. There were season tickets to the symphony and deluxe theatre seats for the culture enthusiasts.

A variety of health opportunities including a chiropractic visit, walking tours, gym memberships and fitness equipment were on the bidder’s list. The most intense bidding was took place over a pair of US Airlines tickets. Several contributors who were not in attendance at the auction sponsored various school classes or donated valuable items. In the days following the auction, a US Airlines representative met with the PTA Executive Committee and the school’s principal regarding a corporate sponsorship. If the partnership discussions go as well as the auction the school will literally “Take Flight.”

Southwest (the city) cares about Amidon.■

## Mayor Honors Social Workers

Professional Social Workers got a pat on the back by Mayor Anthony Williams when he signed a proclamation naming March 2001 as Professional Social Work Month.

With impressive Whereas’s, the Mayor’s proclamation recognizes “Professional Social Workers and all they do to increase the well-being of individuals and of society.”

D.C. law—similar to the laws of other states—licenses the Social Worker profession, just as it does the legal and medical professions and puts strict requirements of college training, regular examinations and post-graduate experience to keep a license (Sec. 2-3308).

Continuing education is required by the licensing board to renew a license. For example, a few topics offered by the National Association of Social Work this spring in D.C. include: Child Welfare Forum, Eating Disorders: Assessment & Treatment; Criminal Justice Conference; Impact of Trauma on Police & Firefighters; Practical Genetics for Social Workers, and Professional Ethics.

Professional social workers practice in many settings: family services agencies, mental health centers, schools, hospitals, corporations, courts, police departments, prisons, public and private agencies, and private practice. Only a small percentage of the professionally licensed Social Workers work in public assistance, where they may supervise the unlicensed case-workers.

Graduate degrees in Social Work are offered at Catholic University, Howard University, the University of Maryland College Park, and Galludent University—in the D.C. area. ■

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Students in the Tae Kwon Do class at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. S.W.

### Tae Kwon Do Class At King-Greenleaf

Wednesday and Friday evenings recently over a dozen boys and girls have been learning the kicks and thrusts and relaxation of Tae Kwon Do at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center in Southwest.

Sponsored by the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force with a grant from The World Bank, the training is given by Phil Baroody of the All-Stars Martial Arts School of Springfield, Va. ■



Annie C. Miller, Teacher of the Year.

### Annie C. Miller Teacher of Year

Ms. Annie C. Miller, a social studies teacher at Jefferson Jr., won \$1,000 from the World Affairs Council as Teacher of the Year in International Education.

She integrates the teaching of science and geography thru class trips to Maine, Oregon, Brazil, Senegal and five European Countries.

Currently she is testing lesson plans for Harvard University's "The Africana Project." ■

### Marine Marathon Training Program

The 6 months training program begins May 5 and the deadline to register is April 27. It is a fund raiser for AIDS.

One of the practice locations is in the park area behind Waterside Mall, where runners gather early Saturday mornings and run farther and farther each week up through the National Mall. Their website is [www.aids-marathon.com](http://www.aids-marathon.com) and their phone number is 202/543-2RUN ■

### Experience Corps Comes To Bowen School

For years Josephine Gist would watch kids on the street corners near her home in Southwest Washington. So when she retired from her job as contract analyst in the strike benefits department of the Teamsters Union, she volunteered with Experience Corps to tutor 3rd graders at Bowen Elementary School.

Experience Corps, a new citywide program to mobilize the time, talent and wisdom of caring older adults to help children, works in partnership with the Center for Artistry in Teaching at Anthony Bowen School. Each volunteer tutors the same 3rd grader in reading once each week on Tues. or Thurs. from 1-3pm.

Now it's with great satisfaction that Ms. Gist can report that the third-grader she tutors, who started the year unable to make out anything on a printed page, now can read and enjoys it as well.


Interested seniors age 55 and over can call Recruiting Specialist Roberta Keller at (202) 797-1150. Men are especially needed. ■

### S.W. Girls Attend Image Awareness Class

By Thelma Jones

Fifteen girls, ages of 12-15, attended the first session of a class in "Image Awareness" at Jefferson JHS. The ten-session class covers understanding your roots and cultural awareness; building self-esteem and self-confidence; respect for yourself and others; peer pressure; grooming and hygiene, including a Mary Kay make-over; and a graduation and closing ceremony. Sharing and discussing of personal experiences relating to the topics are two of the successful techniques used in the class along with a textbook designed specifically for young girls. The class is taught by Author Beverley East who has a rich background in teaching similar classes to youth in the metropolitan area.

The class is sponsored by the S.W. Youth Activities Task Force, thanks in part to a generous grant from The World Bank. For information on registering for another series of the class, call Thelma Jones, class coordinator, at 488-3746. ■



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## SWNA Election Sat. Mar. 24

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### SWNA Officer Candidates:

#### FOR PRESIDENT

Rev. George E. Holmes, present SWNA president, resident of S.W. since 1995. Former ANC2D chairperson. Special education teacher at Calvin Coolidge High School. Minister, McKendree United Methodist Church. Doctorate candidate at Howard University's School of Divinity. Speaker at Million Man March. Featured in Ebony & Jet as one of the future leaders of America.

#### FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Margaret Feldman, present SWNA Second Vice President. Former President of SWNA for four years. In the fall of 1996 she was appointed chair of the Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force.

#### For SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Mark Farrell has enjoyed living in Southwest these past years since graduating George Washington University. He worked on the development of Columbia Heights Metro station. Has worked with

National Capital Planning Commission on extending the Legacy plan. Conducts bicycle tours throughout the city for Bike the Sites.

#### FOR TREASURER

Ellen Winship, present Treasurer. Carrollburg Condominium, 1983-present. Senior Accountant and financial policy, OPM; formerly Director, Financial Management, Bureau of Export Administration. Vice President, Carrollburg Board of Directors; Past Treasurer, American Association of Foreign Service Women.

#### FOR SECRETARY

Angela HJ Long, SW resident & lawyer, Member of the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP), 2nd VP Amidon Elementary School PTA, Member of Local School Restructuring Team @ Amidon, Member of the Jazz Education Committee at Westminster Presbyterian Church, GW University student through CEMMS for Certified Public Manager Program

#### SWNA BOARD MEMBERS from each of 4 Districts

*Candidates for District One (2 to be elected)*

**Perry Klein**, Perry Klein has been a resident of Town Square Towers Condominium in Southwest since 1971, where he has served

on the board of directors and as vice-president. He has served on the board of SWNA for the past three years. He helped develop the SW DC Internet Web site ([www.swdc.org](http://www.swdc.org)), designed as a resource for the SW community.

**Mindy Gurwitch**, Graduated GWU last year. Major Radio/Television. Now works for Federal Judiciary Center on its educational TV network. She admires Southwest's strong sense of community, its beauty and proximity to everything D.C. has to offer. Mindy would like to help the rest of D.C. notice the sparkle of this jewel.

#### Candidates for District Two (3 to be elected)

**Jacquelyn "Jackie" M. Matthews**—Present District Two Rep. mother of six, grandmother of seven. Longtime resident of SW. "It has been my mission to always give back to my community, from having a watchful eye on the children to helping the seniors, to serving as SWNA representative."

**Gottlieb Simon**—long-time resident of Southwest; current District 2 rep on the SWNA Board; Executive Director of ANC 2D; past President SW Community House Board of Directors; past President, Capitol Park Plaza Tenants Association.

#### Candidates for District Three (3 to be elected)

**Joan Rhones**—Present District Three Rep. Associate minister, New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Gospel preacher, Sunday school teacher, Bible study instructor. Marge Maceda (statement not available at press time).

**Jean Macdonald**, SWNA secretary in recent years and former treasurer. Secretary of SW Youth Activities Task Force. SW resident for 27 years. Retired DCPS reading teacher. Member of Emeritus Teachers Foundation. Volunteer at Webb Elementary School library.

#### Candidates for District Four (3 to be elected)

**Gloria Hamilton**—Present District Four rep. Resident of Southwest for over 14 years. Vice President of Syphax Gardens Residents Council. Active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Member of Southwest Community House Board of Directors. Former ANC Commissioner.

**Patricia Pressley**—Native Washingtonian. Three year SWNA Board Member for SMD 4. Currently serving as Secretary for the Syphax Gardens Graduate of DCPS. Received a Nursing Assistant Certificate and volunteered for Red Cross. Employed for five years at the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services. Two-year employee of the South Washington Collaborative as a family support worker, Resident Council Tenant Association.

**Mary Williams**, new resident of D.C. Lives in 1200 block of Carrollburg Place; Justice Dept.—Complaint Adjudication Dept.; former newspaper writer and is civil rights lawyer. Interest is in community and public service. She volunteers at the Bread of Zaccheus free legal clinic along with members of the Federal Communications Bar Association. ■

## SWNA Reports for 2000

### From President Rev. George E. Holmes:

Service is a lifetime commitment. It is a way of life that sometimes goes unappreciated, sometimes rewarded and sometimes unnoticed. It is the evolution—that despite views of others—I have a responsibility to service.

Therefore, I commend the members of SWNA with its various task forces who gave unselfishly this past year through service and commitment in their neighborhood to an unforeseen road map that said, "Yes, I too can serve."

### Summaries of Task Forces

**The Southwester Task Force**—This monthly newspaper is staffed by volunteers. Usually an eight page paper, it is distributed to 8,000 households in Southwest. Another 2,000 papers are distributed to the Navy Yard, House Office Buildings and to other Federal employees.

The costs are covered by advertising fees.

**Scholarship Program**—This SWNA Task Force started in 1974. Over the past twenty-seven years, the community-supported fund has raised approximately \$200,000 and helped more than 150 neighborhood youth. It is made up entirely of volunteers.

Last year the following neighbors served on the committee: Carole Early, Cathy Wallace, Herbert Holmes, Henry Evans, Dale MacIver and Barbara Murray.

**Youth Activities Task Force**—Dedicated to the welfare and personal development of youth. In May, 2000 received \$10,000 grant from The World Bank Community Outreach Program. Hired a p/t Youth Coordinator. Had 3 summer youth programs, tennis, swimming and chess. Held computer class at Link & Learn.

Volunteers are Rick Bardach, Co-Chair, Jean Macdonald, Sec., Walter Brooks, Betty Brown, Herb Holmes, Thelma Jones, Dale MacIver, Beryl Rice & Delmar Weathers

**Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force**—This task force of the SWNA spearheaded the campaign to raise funds and conduct the planning effort that resulted in the Urban Land Institute report on the future of Southwest. Recently it has concentrated on the \$50 million renovation of Waterside Mall, with frequent meetings with the owners.

**S.W. History Task Force**—The newest SWNA task force is responsible for the 19 panels of pictures and text in the Waterside Mall, entitled SW: Then and Now. Current projects include a \$15,000 project to design and mark three History Trails in Southwest and to prepare two dozen former Fire Call Boxes as historical markers. Plans for a June 2 S.W. Parade are also on this task force's agenda. ■

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## Theater Notes

By Wallace Babington

### Arena's Creative Energy

Earth, wind and fire. Life, sex and death. All these forces and emotions are given explosive energy in Arena's current production of "Coyote Builds North America." Don't be put off by that title. This is not a geography or engineering lesson. It's rather a theatrical spectacle that combines words, music and dance to create a hypnotizing evening of theater. The words involved take the form of storytelling that presents traditional Native American myths and fables. And it is a wild and fascinating evening of fun and visual pyrotechnics.

Coyote is the trickster who is brought to life by Tantoo cardinal, one of America's foremost Native actors. Her telling of the traditional tales of how water was distributed, fire discovered and food consumed is funny, engaging and brash. The dancers are amazing in their ability to create variety and substance from the most basic and ordinary props. The musicians keep a tempo that never stops and never ceases to surprise and delight.

I suppose the evening could be termed a presentation of Native American culture. But that's by far too prosaic and formal to describe this experience. The stories could take place anywhere, anytime, about any culture. But we are fortunate in having them at Arena's Kreeger here and now. The run is until April 15.

### Triple Treat

We are also fortunate in having some of the best theater in Washington only a few subway stops away from us here in South-



**Tantoo Cardinal as the Storyteller** in a scene from *Coyote Builds North America*. (Photo by Joan Marcus)

west. The Source Theater on 14th and T streets NW is only three blocks from the U Street Green Line Metro Station. And Source not only provides its usual creative and varied season, but also makes its stage available to two other splendid professional theater companies: African Continuum Theater Company and Stage Guild. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. ■

## "Culture Clash" To Focus Wit On D.C. April 14-15

The two actors who used people-types of Miami in their "Radio Mambo" performance at Arena Stage last season now examine the folkways of Washington, D.C., in performances in the Old Vat Room, now called downstairs.

While they were in Washington, the pair interviewed and observed local people and practices in preparation for returning with this review.

Arena Stage is scheduling into downstairs a new series including readings, solo artists and studio productions devoted to the development of new plays under the American Playwright Project.

Artistic Associate Wendy C. Goldberg is leading the effort, which will include "staged workshops revealing a glimpse inside the artistic process and culminates on April 28-29 with the Southwest Project." ■

## You Can Help Arena Stage Write A Play

Your memories about Southwest D.C. can appear on stage in a play being written by the staff of Arena Stage for presentation on April 28-29 in the Old Vat Room. Interviews are being conducted throughout the neighborhood.

The goal is to strengthen Arena's ties to the surrounding community. Arena is planning a series of art-based events to stimulate a dialogue on the issues impacting Southwest and the role of the arts in giving voice to the residents of the area.

The public is urged to attend open meetings to help plan what will be on stage. Free open rehearsals will start April 9.

Residents interested in sharing stories, history, or ideas or learning dates and places for meetings and rehearsals call 554-9066 extension 244 (Louris Martin) or extension 894 (Rebecca Rice). ■

## Church Calendar

By Maurice Boyd

### Some Easter Services in Southwest

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples. Good Friday commemorates Jesus' crucifixion and death, and it is somber.

Easter is celebrated as the resurrection of Christ. Southwest churches report their activities as follows:

### Friendship Baptist

Good Friday service, 12 noon. Seven speakers will address (5 minutes each) the seven last words of Christ. A light lunch will follow the service.

Easter Sunday: 6 am Sunrise Service. 11 am Sunday worship service.

### St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

April 12, 6:30pm, Maundy Thursday Eucharist

April 13, 12 noon to 3:30 pm Good Friday Vigil

April 15, Easter 8 am and 11 am Holy Eucharist

### St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church

April 7, 5:15 Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

April 8, Palm Sunday Masses, 8, 10:45, 12:15 (Spanish) and 5:15

April 12, Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, 7:30pm

April 13, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 12 noon

April 14, Easter Vigil, 8 pm

April 15, Easter Sunday Masses, 8:00, 10:45, 12:15 (Spanish) and 5:15 pm

### Second Baptist Church SW

April 13, Good Friday services with Carron Baptist and St. Matthew's Baptist, 12-3

April 15, Sunday School, 9:30, 8, 10:45 am, worship

April 16, Youth Jamboree, with games, activities, food, and other things for children

### Christ United Methodist

April 11, 6:30, prayer service

April 12, Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 pm

April 15, 11:00 worship service with Easter cantata by choir

### Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 10 (Tues.) 6:30, Seder: ritual meal led by Jewish friends to commemorate the Passover; reservations required, call 484-7700

April 12, 7:30pm Maundy Thursday "Service of Shadows," candlelight communion service—remembering Jesus' Last Supper

April 13, 6-9pm II Annual Good Friday Blues, with Jacques and Friends, \$5 admission and fish fry dinners for sale

April 15, 11 am, festival service celebrating The Resurrection.

### Riverside Baptist Church

April 8 Palm Sunday 11 am service

April 12 Maundy Thurs. 7 pm service

April 15 Easter Sunday 11 am service

### Second Union Baptist Church

April 13 Good Friday service with seven preachers sharing the seven last sayings of Christ.

April 15 Early Sunrise Service 6 am. Greenleaf Senior Choir. Breaking bread for breakfast following the service.

### St. Mathew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 15 Continental breakfast at 9:30 followed by intergenerational music program. Worship at 11 am. ■

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## SWNA Recalls Dr. Drew's Role In Blood Plasma

At its Black History program in February the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly honored the memory of Dr. Charles Richard Drew, first director of the American Red Cross Blood Bank. His research in the 1930s for his doctorate in medical science at Columbia University showed that blood plasma lasts longer than whole blood. As a result thousands of lives were saved by blood transfusions in World War II.

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles and a number of other schools are named after this famous African-American scientist.

Dr. Drew was born in Washington, D.C., and died in an accident in the South in 1950. His daughter, Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, president of Southeastern University, was guest speaker at the Assembly program. She said that a myth has grown up claiming that her father died because he was refused care at an all-white hospital. This is not true, she said. Knowing his fame, the hospital did indeed admit him.

Dr. Drew held high expectations for his children and his students, said Dr. Jarvis. She encouraged Jefferson Jr. High students to hold themselves to the highest achievement possible.

Dr. Jarvis has a degree in neuropsychology and told of how blood proteins can identify ethnic heritage and aid in the search for bone marrow transplants.

Ms. Thelma Jones, who introduced Dr. Jarvis, was recognized for her outstanding leadership since 1985 in promoting Black History awareness in Southwest and at The World Bank. ■



The Jefferson Jr. choir under the direction of Ms. Robin Williams sang spirituals and led the audience in forming a circle to sing "We Shall Overcome."

## Lewis Jefferson, Early Southwest Businessman



The SWNA Black History program included comments by Mrs. Irene Alexander, who has researched the life of Lewis Jefferson,

who operated cruise ships from the Southwest Waterfront early in the 1900s. Mrs. Alexander displayed some of his artifacts, including a picture of his mansion at 1900 V St. S.W. She prepared the extensive display on Mr. Jefferson in Waterside Mall—the windows of the former Roy Rogers restaurant.

He died in 1946 and is buried in Arlington Cemetery. ■



At the Black History program were, left to right, Jefferson principal Deborah Holmes, Thelma Jones, Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, and SWNA President Rev. George E. Holmes.

## Boat Safety Courses At Harbor Patrol

A photo ID card is given to each person attending a four-evening course in boating safety, held at the Harbor Patrol office near 6th and Water St. S.W. during April and May.

If your boat has to be registered in D.C. with a number, you have to take a course. But anyone age 13 or over who is interested in right-of-way rules or equip-

ment required on a boat or reading a nautical chart can attend the class. It is free.

Classes are held Tues. and Thurs. evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Harbor Patrol building. A test is given at the end of the four evenings.

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